

TRIBUTE TO TOM UDALL

Madam President, TOM UDALL and Jill, his wife, are friends of mine and Honey's, my wife. We have seen them from time to time and enjoy their company.

Tom came to the Senate with a distinguished heritage. It is hard to talk about the environment in this country over the last 75 years without mentioning Stewart Udall, Mo Udall, and now TOM UDALL and his cousins as well. He, too, was an important part of the Great American Outdoors Act. He has worked hard on the Appropriations Interior Subcommittee, working with Senator MURKOWSKI not only to clean up the nuclear waste and defend our National Laboratories—we worked together on that—but he has worked on another area, too, and that is to make the Senate work and be more effective. He and I have had some different opinions about how to do that, but I have no doubt that during his time here, he has been one of the Senators whom one might call an institutionalist. He is someone who understands as Clarence Thomas once said about the Supreme Court when someone asked him: "How can you and Justice Ginsburg get along so well when you have such different opinions?" Justice Thomas said: "We try to remember that the institution is more important than any of our opinions." I would say that this has been the attitude of Senator TOM UDALL about the Senate.

So seven of us will be leaving this place that Senator Prescott Bush said is where everybody in politics ultimately wants to be. Given how hard it is to get here and how hard it is to stay here, you would think it would be a place that people would want to be. My view of the Senate is just that—that it is hard to get here and hard to stay here, but while you are here, you might as well try to accomplish something good for the country. All of these colleagues of mine have done that, and I wanted to come to the floor today to salute each one of them.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD my remarks about each one of the Senators, as much as practical, following their remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

HONORING OFFICER TRAVIS WALLACE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today with my friend and colleague from Arkansas to honor Helena-West Helena Police Officer Travis Wallace, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on Thursday, November 12.

Officer Wallace was trying to apprehend a suspect wanted in connection with a violent crime the previous week. Using his patrol car to block the exit of the parking lot where he spotted the suspect in the vehicle, he was fired on. Officer Wallace returned fire but was struck during the gunfight.

Officer Wallace was targeted because he was a law enforcement officer in pursuit of justice. This is a somber reminder of the dangers police officers and other members of the law enforcement community face every day. They do so willingly, not knowing the challenges they will experience when they leave the comforts of their homes and their loved ones.

Officer Wallace served with professionalism and dedication during his 10 years in law enforcement. For half his career, he worked for the Helena-West Helena Police Department, where he demonstrated his passion and commitment for helping those in need.

The Helena-West Helena police chief described Officer Wallace as an ambitious leader who was eager to help the community. Another fellow officer applauded his influence on his career and thanked him for the skills he taught his brothers in blue that have helped better protect that community.

The outpouring of support from the Helena-West Helena residents, citizens across Arkansas, and the members of the law enforcement community has given the police department strength, as members mourn the loss of this brave officer.

I join with all Arkansans in expressing our gratitude for Officer Wallace's service and his sacrifice. We celebrate his life and example of courageous, selfless public service. May his family, including his son Travis Junior, find peace in knowing their loved one lived and died a true American hero.

I yield to my colleague, Senator COTTON.

Mr. COTTON. Madam President, one of the most solemn eulogies any man can deliver is for a fallen officer killed in the line of duty. Senator BOOZMAN and I have delivered too many of these eulogies already, and we regret that we must do so again, but we want to celebrate the life and service of Police Officer Travis Wallace of the Helena-West Helena Police Department, who died last month at age 41, while attempting to bring a murder suspect into custody.

Officer Wallace and his partner recognized the dangerous suspect in a vehicle in a motel parking lot. They conducted a traffic stop. The suspect got out of his vehicle and immediately opened fire. Officer Wallace bravely and skillfully returned fire, causing the suspect to flee, but it was too late. He had already suffered grave wounds. He passed away later at the hospital, despite the valiant effort of doctors to save his life.

Officer Wallace believed that policing was his life's calling. He had worked in law enforcement for almost a decade, including 5 years with the Helena-West Helena Police Department, before his life was so tragically cut short.

In that brief time, Officer Wallace established himself as a leader and not just in his department. He was also a loving father, son, and brother, known for his sense of humor and his ability to make people smile. And he was a

man of faith, serving as a deacon at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Officer Wallace served his community with honor. Tragically, he is the fourth law enforcement officer from Arkansas killed this year and the 279th officer nationwide.

Like every officer, he dedicated his life to protect and defend his community. That commitment takes courage. It requires officers to run toward danger—to approach dangerous men when every human instinct might scream to run away.

Officer Wallace did his job and did his duty with honor. Now his watch has ended, but we will always remember the great sacrifice he made to keep his community and our State safe.

May he rest in peace.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY C. "HOPPY" SHORES

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam President, I rise today to honor a good friend of mine and to thank Commissioner Henry C. "Hoppy" Shores for his many years of service to Kanawha County, WV, and America.

Hoppy was born in Dunbar, WV, during the Great Depression. Hoppy lost his parents at a young age and moved in with his sister on the West Side of Charleston.

In high school he attended a school which was then called Stonewall Jackson High School. Hoppy was a standout athlete. He played as a running back on the 1947 State championship team.

In 1949, he won West Virginia's Kennedy Award, as the State's top high school football player of the year. It was also during his high school years that Hoppy got an interest in politics when he first ran for and won the senior class presidency.

But the most important thing that happened during those formative years was on the first day of high school, when Hoppy first met the love of his life, Bronson Garcelon. They have been married since 1953, and I can personally attest—living in the same town—that they have been inseparable ever since.

He repeated his high school success while he was in college at West Virginia University in the 1950s and again became the class president. He graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in business, and after college he enlisted in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of major.

During the years after his service, Hoppy grew a very successful career in the insurance business.

In 1966, Hoppy was recruited to run for the Kanawha County Commission by a prominent local attorney. After he